

PRESIDENT CONDEMNS SCHLEY

HIS REVIEW OF THE CASE SENT TO THE PRINTER.

Disposes of the Question of Command at Santiago by Saying It Was Settled by President McKinley—Regards Treatment of Hodgson as Lacking in Honor and Fairness—The Leap Condemned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt's review of the Schley case has been sent to the printer and copies will be given to the press this week, probably on Wednesday. The review consists of about 2,500 words, or about two columns of a newspaper. While care has been taken to prevent the premature publication in the press of the President's comments, the substance is known to a number of public men, and there is a general feeling among them that all fair-minded people will be satisfied with Mr. Roosevelt's reasoning and conclusions. It may be said that the President has been assured by leaders in both Houses that the Schley case will not be taken up by Congress.

The main points covered in the President's review are Admiral Schley's treatment of Lieutenant-Commander Hodgson and the famous loop of the Brooklyn. All other matters concerned are subordinated to these, even the question of command, on which Schley made the principal object of his appeal, being disposed of briefly. Mr. Roosevelt regards this question as having been settled by President McKinley nominating Admiral Sampson to the Senate for advancement over Schley, and as to the contention that Schley directed the movements of the American ships in the battle with Cervera's fleet, he decides that to order from that officer to the vessels have any effect whatever on the fight.

Admiral Schley's treatment of Lieutenant-Commander Hodgson is regarded by the President as lacking in honor and fairness, and what he says on that subject will be anything but pleasant reading to those who, through not fully understanding this matter, have believed that it was of no importance and was merely brought forward to increase the sum of the accusations against Schley. Schley caused to be published in a newspaper a letter from Mr. Hodgson, denying that any such colloquy ever occurred on the Brooklyn between Schley and himself during the fight, the colloquy, as printed, indicating that Schley was timid about approaching the enemy's ships and that in his haste to avoid them he was reckless of the danger of collision with the Texas.

It was subsequently shown that Admiral Schley had suppressed the accompanying letter from Hodgson explaining that there was a colloquy between the two officers, and that his denial intended to apply only to the literal accuracy of its published version. At the court of inquiry it was developed that Admiral Schley ignored Hodgson's importunities to put him straight with the navy and the country by printing the accompanying letter. Mr. Roosevelt regards this treatment of Hodgson by Schley as anything except the conduct of an officer and a gentleman and scores Schley for it, and in the loop the President finds cause for condemnation of Admiral Schley. He expresses the belief that Schley acted courageously in the battle up to the point that he gave the order for the loop. Then, Mr. Roosevelt holds, Schley lost nerve, faltered and turned away from the Spanish ships, when he should have gone toward them or in the direction they were taking.

Very little consideration is given by Mr. Roosevelt to the allegations regarding the conduct of Admiral Schley prior to the battle of July 3. He disposes of them by holding that Admiral Sampson and the Navy Department condoned these offenses by not calling Schley to account for them at the time, and in the recommendation that Schley be advanced for his war services.

PARTRIDGE IN CHINATOWN.

Police Commissioner and Others Eat Chop Suey and Birds' Nests.

Chinatown celebrated the closing of the 2,638th year after Confucius by two dinners and an abundance of fireworks in Mott and Pell streets last night. The On Leong Hong (Chinese Association) gave a dinner in the Chinese restaurant at 14 Mott street, which was attended by several hundred persons, among them a number of city officials.

Police Commissioner Partridge, Deputy Commissioners Thurston and Ebbett, Judge Warren W. Foster, Justice Mayer, Assistant United States District Attorney Lloyd, Assistant District Attorneys Train, Townsend and O'Connor, Dr. Hamilton Williams, Mayor Kirby, the Eighty-First Regiment, John W. Goff, Jr., Fred House, Robert M. Moore, William M. Fuller and Police Captain Wendel were among the guests. Tom Lee, the Mayor of Chinatown, presided over the dinner, and a speech was made by Frank Lee, his son.

The dinner consisted of all the well-known Chinese delicacies, such as shark's fins, birds' nests and Chinese sweetmeats. The dining room was decorated with Chinese flags and at the head of the room was a large floral piece with "A Happy New Year to all" on it in immortalized Chinese characters. Partridge and his two deputies made a tour of Chinatown, stopping at Jose houses and prominent stores, and winding up in the Chinese Theatre in Doyer street. The Commissioner said that he had a good time.

The other dinner was at 24 Pell street and was given by the Oriental Club. Among the guests were a good number of American merchants in the Chinese trade and they and their wives with them. A number of specially invited guests were also present, among them William H. Baldwin, Jr., Foster L. Backus, Col. William C. Beecher and Dr. Baldwin, Secretary of the Methodist Foreign Mission Society.

BRINGS BACK THE SWAG.

Man Leaves Stolen Jewels and Silver on the Owner's Steps.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Feb. 17.—Mrs. William Hughes, wife of the rector of the Church of the Redeemer, arrived at this town on Friday night when the Trimmer building, next to the rectory, was burned. Mrs. Hughes took her jewel box and family silver to an adjacent lot and went back to bring other valuables. On her return the jewelry and silver were gone.

Mrs. Hughes was sitting at her front window last night when she saw a man drop a package on the steps. The package was found to contain the jewels and silverware.

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VIOLIN STRAINS CALMED HIM.

Violent Smallpox Patient Put to Sleep by the Waltz "Over the Waves."

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 17.—Louis Coleman, a smallpox patient in the pest-house, this morning attempted to kill the attendants and was only overcome after a desperate struggle. Coleman got hold of an axe which had been left in the room adjoining the one he was in. With this he smashed all the furniture in the two rooms. The cots were occupied by patients, who jumped out of the windows to escape the madman.

Alonso Fisher, the nurse, tried to restrain Coleman, but was knocked down. Health Commissioner Wheeler, Dr. Smith and several attendants came to Fisher's assistance. They disarmed and overpowered Coleman. Tied to a cot Coleman continued to struggle and rave. Opiates were administered, but without effect, and Dr. Smith finally admitted that he was "powerless to do anything more."

Charles Hatfield, an attendant, said: "I have a violin at home. Perhaps if I played some music it would calm Coleman." Hatfield ran and got the violin and began playing "Over the Waves," a waltz melody. Soothed by the strains, Coleman gradually quieted. The violinist kept on playing and the knotted cords in the patient's muscles relaxed. His hands fell to his side. He rested his head upon his pillow, stretched his limbs as far as he could, bowed as he was, heaved a deep sigh and sank into a sound sleep. He slept for several hours and when he awoke the fever had abated and the patient was rational and passive.

TO INDICT EX-MAYOR DILLON?

C. O'D. Iselin Said to Have Accused Him and Other City Officials.

NEW ROCHELLE, Feb. 17.—Columbus O'Donnell Iselin, who has had experience on this city's books, is trying, it is said, to have Mayor Dillon and members of the old Board of Aldermen indicted by the Westchester county Grand Jury. Mr. Iselin and several city officials, including Mayor Clarke, were before the Grand Jury last week and they went again to-day, but the proceedings were adjourned.

The witnesses are subpoenaed in the case of John Doe and others. It is generally believed here that John Doe means ex-Mayor Dillon. The specific case now before the Grand Jury is the one in which \$1,000 paid City Clerk Selig for selling property on the delinquent tax list. The work, it is declared, took the City Clerk only a few hours and was done with the clerk's checks and employed his son-in-law as a clerk at exorbitant pay. The son-in-law, it is alleged, was clerking in a grocery the entire time. Mr. Dillon says he has asked the privilege of appearing before the Grand Jury.

CAT FAMILY IN CHURCH ORGAN.

Kept Interrupting Service, but It Was a Long, Hard Job to Dispossess Them.

A Maltese cat with a litter of kittens which has been living inside the organ in the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Fulton street near Railroad avenue, Brooklyn, was dispossessed yesterday. In the course of the services on Ash Wednesday night the mother cat walked out of the organ and began to mew. This disturbed the congregation, but when the organist tried to catch her out she crawled back into the organ, only to reappear again when the organ was played.

On Sunday while the rector, the Rev. Stuart Crockett, was delivering his sermon, the mother cat again appeared, much to the enjoyment of the boy choristers. At the same time the kittens began to cry for their mother and this diverted the congregation and disturbed the rector. Repeatedly the superintendent of the Sunday school, the sexton, the organist and several boy choristers, tried to get the cat and her kittens out, but they only succeeded in driving them into the organ, where they could not be reached. Yesterday one of the organ pipes was removed and the sexton dispossessed the cat. A home in the cellar was given them.

EXONERATES E. R. THOMAS.

Jury Finds That the Automobile Could Not Help Killing the Thies Boy.

After nine minutes' deliberation a jury which listened to the testimony given yesterday before Coroner Scholer in regard to the death of nine-year-old Henry Thies, who was killed by stockbroker Edward R. Thomas's automobile, the "White Ghost," completely exonerated Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas himself took the stand and told his story of the accident despite the advice of counsel. He said that in conversation with the jury he had stated that there is a fairly heavy grade, and the road was slippery. He saw the boys long before he reached them and when he tooted his horn they started to run. He saw them, but the Thies boy darted directly in front of the automobile.

BLOWN TO PIECES IN A MINE.

It Is Thought the Man Touched Off the Powder With Suicidal Intent.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 17.—John Wypoton, an employee of the Chateaugay Ore and Iron Company at Lyon Mountain, met a shocking death at 9 o'clock this forenoon by being blown to pieces in one of the mines. Wypoton was working on a day shift, and for some unknown reason went to an abandoned part of the mine where a large quantity of powder, left from blasting the previous night, had been stored. A few moments later there was a terrible explosion, and when his fellow workmen reached the abandoned shaft they found it covered with the still-quivering debris. It is thought that the explosion was not an accident, but a deliberate case of suicide.

Engine Light That Can Be Seen 10 Miles.

General Manager H. R. Williams of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad has made some successful tests of a new electric light for locomotives, and there is good reason to believe that all of the St. Paul's engines will soon be equipped with this light. All of the St. Paul's passenger engines running between St. Paul and Chicago have been carrying this light for some time, and no failures have yet been recorded.

This new light is so arranged that while as a stationary headlight it illuminates a track for a great distance ahead, it can be made to throw a vertical shaft of light against the clouds that can be seen ten miles away. The electricity is generated from a dynamo on top of the boiler, and the light is 600-candle power.

From Bilgazz to Sunny Climate. Seaboard Air Line Ry. with its superb train, the Florida and Metropolitan Limited, leaving New York daily 12:35 P. M., offer a delightful trip from the frozen North to the sunny South, Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Camden and all Florida points. Office, 1185 Broadway—Ad.

NEGRO MINSTREL LYNCHED.

After Shooting Affray in a Missouri Theatre.

Resisted Attempts to Whip Him for Swearing at White Boys—The Whole Company Locked Up—Mob Takes Victim From the Jail and Hangs Him to a Tree.

NEW MADRID, Mo., Feb. 17.—The dead body of Lou F. Wright of Ottawa, Kan., was found hanging to a tree this morning. He had been lynched during the night as the result of one of the most exciting incidents that ever disturbed this city.

Wright was a member of Richards & Pringles' Georgia Minstrel Company, composed entirely of negroes, which played here on Saturday night to a crowded house. After the show, and before the audience had departed, eight or ten young white men, started for the stage through a narrow passageway to get the negro Wright, who in the afternoon had applied vile epithets to two young white men, the intention being to give him a good whipping with hickory switches. Wright used the epithet because the young men had thrown snowballs at him while he was walking down the street.

When the young men started for the stage crying "Whip the nigger," Wright, who stood at the head of the passageway, pulled a revolver and opened fire on them. The whites returned his fire, about twenty shots being exchanged. It was miraculous that no one was killed during the fusillade, as a number of men and women were directly in the range of Wright's pistol. Another negro, who could not be identified, opened fire from the wing of the stage and bullets whistled in every direction.

When the firing ceased it was found that one member of the company had been shot in the leg; Clay Hunter had received a scalp wound and Tommie Walters, Wint Lewis, Hal Hunter and Miss McLelland had bullet holes in their clothing. Sheriff Stone and the guards, taking the mob and the whites, went to the jail, where they looked up in a room and placed three men as a guard to see that he did not escape.

They then went to the cell where Wright was confined, unlocked the door and dragged him out. When the committee appointed by the Vigilantes appeared with their prisoners outside the theatre, Wright was taken out of the crowd. Wright was half-carried and half-dragged some distance from the jail to a tree. One of the number climbed the tree and put a rope over the limb and drew the victim out over the roadway. A noose was formed and slipped over Wright's head. Half a hundred paces of handkerchief were thrown over the rope and the victim was pulled into the air. Then the rope was wound around the trunk of the tree and securely knotted, the body being left to swing there until this morning, when it was cut down. The others of the troupe were released from custody to-day and departed in their private car to fill engagements in other parts of the country, but it is not believed they will again be seen on the stage in Missouri.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE CAUCUS.

It Decides to Investigate Election Laws of Several Southern States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The caucus of the Republican members of the House, after three meetings, to-night adopted a modified form of the Crumpacker resolution providing for an investigation of the election laws of several Southern States and a report as to whether the right of suffrage of colored people is being protected. A caucus was given at Fuller's house and about midnight young Morrow spoke to Fuller's daughter, who was recently married. The father, however, did not know he was being spoken to. The dance broke up, and while Fuller ran to get a weapon to kill Morrow the latter hurried to his sleigh to get a revolver. The wife was one of the leaders and was jumping in his sleigh, driving to a justice's residence, where he gave him a bullet in the head. Fuller is dying in a hospital to-night and young Stuart cannot recover.

BIG GRAB IN THE YUKON.

Sweeping Concession to a Mining Syndicate Arouses Indignation.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 17.—Reports from Dawson to-day say there is consternation through all the mining camps and districts in the Yukon territory by reason of a sweeping concession given by the Privy Council to a syndicate, which would give to the syndicate all vacant ground and all ground about to become vacant. Indignation meetings are being held in every camp, and many are preparing to leave the territory in disgust, seeking new fields on American soil.

American and British miners are affected by the concession, and the latter are being urged to organize against what is regarded as the greatest outrage ever attempted in the Klondike.

ALL THE GROTON BOYS BETTER.

Young Roosevelt and His Sick Companions Much Improved.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—The condition of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and that of the two other boys who were taken to Groton last night with pneumonia, was pronounced as most favorable by the doctors in attendance this morning. The anxiety caused by the recall of Dr. Shattuck to the scene yesterday was allayed to-day when it was announced that after an examination of the Gannett boy he announced that he agreed with Dr. Warren that all three boys were improving rapidly. The Gannett boy showed a much better condition to-day than at the same hour yesterday and is decidedly better.

NELLA WEBB, CO-RESPONDENT.

Ward McAllister's Nice Niece Actress in Her Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Louise McAllister Young, who is a niece of the late Ward McAllister and who is suing her husband, Alexander C. Young of Hoboken, County Attorney of Hudson county, for divorce on the ground of infidelity, has named Nella Webb, an actress now playing in the "Hall of Fame," as one of the two correspondents. Miss Webb wears pajamas on the stage while singing a song called "My Pajama Beauty." Mrs. Young left her husband about a month ago after obtaining what she says are proofs of his infidelity. She is stopping now at the home of friends in Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Young said yesterday that he will contest the suit and will begin proceedings to prevent his wife from taking their infant daughter out of the State.

To the Southwest via Atlanta and Montgomery. One day in Atlanta, leaving Seaboard Air Line Ry. train 27, known as "Seaboard Fast Mail," leaving N. Y. 2:30 P. M. Office, 1185 Broadway—Ad.

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WHERE IS MISS STONEY?

Brigands Have the Ransom Money and Have Promised to Release Her.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 18.—Mr. Maud, special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphs from Serres that the ransom for Miss Stoney, the abducted missionary, and her companion, Miss Talika, was paid on Feb. 6. M. Gargiulo, dragoman of the American embassy at Constantinople, and Dr. Post, Treasurer of the American Bible House at Constantinople, met the brigands on the road to the Podrome Monastery and handed over the money in notes. The brigands carried rifles.

The correspondent adds that it would be inadvisable to give fuller details until the safety of the captive is assured. Their release now depends on the humor of the brigands. M. Gargiulo, who is waiting at Serres, does not know where the captives are concealed.

FORCED TO LEAVE ECUADOR.

Michael Bolan, an American, Will Escape Further Ill-Treatment.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. GUAYAQUIL, Feb. 17.—The Ecuadorian officials have succeeded in coercing Michael Bolan of Springfield, Ohio, to leave the country, and he will soon start for Peru.

Bolan is one of a number of Americans whose treatment by petty officials in attempts to compel them to pay blackmail in cases of minor offenses has been made to Washington. Bolan was arrested twice on a judgment given against him by a police magistrate who had no jurisdiction in cases of minor offenses. He was taken to the American Consulate to seek refuge from a third arrest. The Ecuadorian Government removed the magistrate from the office and was fitted to release Bolan from the operation of the judgment although admitting that the judgment was an outrage.

KELLY, THE FENIAN, ILL.

In Bellevue Hospital, Homeless and Destitute—He Shot Talbot, the Spy.

Robert Kelly, the Fenian who shot John Talbot, the police spy, in Dublin in 1871, went to Bellevue yesterday sick and homeless. He has many friends, according to a man who knows him well, but they have not been able to keep track of him on account of his roving disposition. Recently he has been making a living at odd jobs at his trade, which is that of a carpenter, and has been living in a Third Avenue lodging house.

Kelly was tried for murdering Talbot and was acquitted of the capital offense in a most sensational trial, through the evidence of Dr. William F. O'Leary, M.P., who testified that Talbot's death was due to poor surgery in the hospital but was sentenced to fifteen years in Kilmainham Jail for the shooting. Kelly was pardoned eight years and was then released. For the last twenty years he has made his home in the United States. Once he owned a saloon in Hoboken, and at times he has been quite well off. He is 65 years old.

Kelly has always been proud of his part in the killing of Talbot, who was a British police officer, but it is not believed they will again be seen on the stage in Missouri.

SHOT AT A DANCE.

A Farmer and His Nephew Injured in Avenging an Insult at a Dance.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 17.—John H. Fuller and his nephew, Albert Stuart, were shot mortally on Saturday night at the Fuller farm near Vanderbilt by Robert Morrow, and Morrow was seriously shot by Fuller in avenging an insult to his daughter. The parties are the son of a well-known family. A dance was given at Fuller's house and about midnight young Morrow spoke to Fuller's daughter, who was recently married. The father, however, did not know he was being spoken to. The dance broke up, and while Fuller ran to get a weapon to kill Morrow the latter hurried to his sleigh to get a revolver. The wife was one of the leaders and was jumping in his sleigh, driving to a justice's residence, where he gave him a bullet in the head. Fuller is dying in a hospital to-night and young Stuart cannot recover.

USED BREECHES BUOY 23 TIMES.

Hard Work Rescuing a Shipwrecked Crew in a Driving Snowstorm.

LEWES, Del., Feb. 17.—The four-masted schooner Anna Murray, Capt. Queen, from Boston in ballast, bound to Baltimore, went ashore just below Indian River Life Saving Station about nine miles south of Cape Henlopen early this morning while a thick snowstorm was falling. The skipper lost his bearings and was going under full sail when the accident occurred. The schooner lies near the main beach broadside to the sea and has a heavy list ashore, which makes her position dangerous. She is full of water and the sea is pounding her with great force. The chances of saving her are not very promising.

The captain and crew were all rescued by the life savers on the breeches buoy at break of day. The rough sea and driving snowstorm made the work of rescue thrilling to the rescued and exhausting to the rescuers. The crew brought their effects to shore with them and the surfmen sent the breeches buoy on return trips to the ship twenty-five times. The sailor men will be sent to Baltimore to-morrow.

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Big Kaiser Will Wait for the Stormbound.

The steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse will sail at 1:30 P. M. to-day instead of 10 A. M. This delay may enable passengers en route to this city, who are delayed by the inclement weather, to reach the pier in time.

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COUNT ME OUT, SAYS WHITNEY

DECLINES DON DICKINSON'S NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

Started Yesterday for His Southern Home at Aiken, and Means to Take a Good, Long Rest—Milburn to the Front as Democratic Candidate for Governor.

The Hon. William Collins Whitney left New York city yesterday for his Southern home in Aiken, S. C. Mr. Whitney will be absent several weeks. He chatted yesterday afternoon at his home, Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street, with a representative of THE SUN. It was gathered from this conversation that Mr. Whitney is taking no interest whatever, at the moment, in Democratic politics, local, State or National.

"You know," said Mr. Whitney, "that for the last sixteen years I have been engaged on the great problem of the Metropolitan Street Railroad system for New York city. There have been many disappointments and many questions involved. But I have always liked a problem; I always like to work out a problem. I believe that the company is now on a fine footing, and I am out, and out forever, going away for a good long rest, and I'm going to have some of the finest horseback rides that any man could enjoy, and I anticipate a pleasant time."

A copy of the Detroit Evening Journal was submitted to Mr. Whitney. Detroit is the home of the Hon. Don Manuel Dickinson, or, rather, the Hon. Donald McDonald Dickinson, Mr. Cleveland's second Postmaster-General in his first term, and high Mucky-Muck in Mr. Cleveland's kitchen Cabinet during his second term. Mr. Dickinson is supposed to control all of the newspapers in Detroit and Mr. Dickinson in the Detroit Journal boomed Mr. Whitney for the Presidency in 1904.

All that Mr. Dickinson said of Mr. Whitney was very pleasant and agreeable. All familiar with Democratic national politics for the last twenty-five years are well aware that it was Mr. Whitney and Mr. Gorman who, in 1884, elected Mr. Cleveland to the Presidency, and in 1892 it was Mr. Whitney who was the great Captain-General and Pool Kicker directing the Democratic national forces which brought about the election of Mr. Cleveland in that year.

"Mr. Dickinson is a friend of mine," said Mr. Whitney, "and I like him. We have been associated in Democratic politics for a good many years, and Mr. Dickinson has a great many lovely qualities. While I appreciate Mr. Dickinson's suggestions as to my availability as a Democratic Presidential candidate for 1904, I must be permitted to say that Brother Dickinson's suggestion is almost absurd, if not ridiculous. I am 60 years of age. That is not very old as this world goes, but I cannot imagine how anybody could be expected to enter the political arena again, either for myself or for any other man. Please tell my kind friends in the Democratic party that I believe I have earned a good old-fashioned rest."

Last August THE SUN printed a story to the effect that the Hon. William J. Stoney, familiarly known as "Gumshoe Bill," believed that the Hon. Daniel S. Lamont would be nominated for Governor by the approaching Democratic State Convention of New York State.

"Don't let 'em fool you," said "Gumshoe Bill" to the representative of THE SUN, "they can play all around everybody else, but eventually it will come down to me. Lamont for Governor of New York State." Two weeks later THE SUN printed a story to the effect that the Democrats of the State would nominate for Governor the Hon. John G. Milburn of Buffalo for Governor, and last night in private Democratic circles this offer was made:

"I'll bet you \$1,000 to \$5,000 that Milburn is nominated by the Democrats for Governor of the State of New York."

Mr. Milburn is a well-known lawyer of Buffalo and has always been a follower of Mr. Cleveland. It was in the Milburn home that President McKinley died.

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TRAINS BUMP IN THE TUNNEL.

Harlem Local Hits Central Train—Serious Result From the Rear Car.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The 5:05 train out of the Grand Central Station bound for Croton was run into to-night by a Harlem local at the south end of the Park avenue tunnel, near the spot where the terrible accident occurred about a month ago. Both trains were crowded. Some of the men in the last car of the Central train saw the approaching local, and there was a stampede to get out of the car. Two women fainted.

There was a crash which was felt in all the cars and for a time there was great excitement. No damage was done, except the smashing of the cowcatcher on the Central engine. In the last car of the Central train were Major Marshall H. Bright, editor of the Christian World; Hamilton Wright Mable and some prominent railroad officials. Andrew Tracey was conductor of the Central train, which had stopped just outside of the tunnel. The Harlem train was close behind and it is thought that the engineer lost control on account of the slippery rails.

At the Grand Central Station last night, the station master and the station agent, the only officials on duty, denied all knowledge of the accident. Both said they came on duty at 6:30 P. M.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.

To Replace the Old Germania Assembly Rooms and Cost \$150,000.

Plans have been filed with the Building Bureau for a new three-story theatre, bowery and assembly hall to replace the old Germania Assembly rooms that have stood for over a quarter of a century at 291-293 Bowery.

The theatre will have three balconies, will be back of the large assembly room and will hold 1,800 persons. The building will have a frontage of 48 feet and a depth of 265 feet. It is to be built for John Stimmler and will cost \$150,000.

WOMEN TO GO ARMED.

A "Ladies' Gun Club" to Shoot Assaultants Formed in Vinton, Va.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—As the result of several attempts of criminal assault on well-known women in the town of Vinton near Roanoke, Va., a "Ladies' Gun Club" has been formed. The rules of the club require every member to carry a pistol in their pocket and to use it accurately. The matter had been under discussion several weeks.

On Saturday night Mrs. David Powell went into the hall at her own home in Vinton and lighted a match. A man blew it out, grabbed her arm and wrenched it. She screamed and the man fled. That settled the question and the club was organized to-day.

COMMISSION ON DYNAMITE.

These Five to Suggest a Law for Handling of Explosives in the City.

Mayor Low announced yesterday the appointment of this commission to investigate the methods followed in this city for the storage and use of explosives for blasting purposes and to draft such an ordinance or statute as may be considered necessary for safeguarding the city against explosions; Gen. G. C. Eaton, U. S. A., retired; Fire Commissioner Thomas Sturgis, William Barclay Parsons, chief engineer of the Rapid Transit Board, and J. A. Haskell and Prof. Charles T. McKenna, chemical experts.

THROWN OFF A TRAIN?

Putnam County Investigating a Death on the Railroad—Has Two Prisoners.

Coroner Mitchell of Putnam county came to New York yesterday to investigate the death of John O'Connor of Bengal, N. Y., who died in Flower Hospital on Feb. 15. He was found lying beside the railroad track at Brewster's with both legs broken, and a train crew brought him to the Grand Central Station as the quickest method of obtaining help for him. The authorities of Putnam county now have under arrest two men to-day charged with having thrown O'Connor off a train.

SUMMER SCHOOL DOWNTOWN.

But Laboratories at University Heights Will Be Open to Students.

The New York University Committee on the Summer School met yesterday afternoon at the council room, Washington Square, and resolved upon the transfer of the school to the Washington Square Building, with the proviso that the laboratories of chemistry and physics at University Heights and also the dormitories should be at the command of students.

The school will open on the Monday after July 4.

Chinese Train Wreckers Captured.